

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Police Foot Patrols]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Police Commission, in consultation with the Chief of Police, to establish a neighborhood safety unit in the Police Department and a community policing policy, and to require foot patrols in crime-impacted areas within the boundaries of each of the ten Police District Stations, with standards governing the operation of the foot patrols; and requiring the Department to submit biannual reports to the Board of Supervisors and Police Commission on the effectiveness of deploying foot patrols in those crime-impacted areas.

Existing Law

There is no existing law that requires foot patrol officers.

Amendments to Current Law

If this ordinance passes, there shall be a Neighborhood Safety Unit (“NSU”) within each District Station of the San Francisco Police Department (“SFPD”) focused on community engagement in deploying foot patrol officers. The purpose of the NSU is to ensure opportunities for patrol officers to regularly interact with neighborhood residents and faith leaders, business leaders, and others in the community.

The Police Commission is required to adopt and create a comprehensive “Community Policing Policy” that focuses on fostering collaboration and communication with the community.

The Police Commission in consultation with the Chief of Police, are required to develop a foot patrol strategy that will identify the areas where foot patrol officers are most needed. This includes, the development of a map that will outline the footprint of the foot beats within the boundaries of each of the ten District Stations. This map will delineate the street locations the foot patrol officers may travel based on the reporting of violent crimes and high volume foot traffic, and other factors they deem appropriate to meet the needs of the community.

The Chief of Police is required to assign foot patrol officers to each of the ten District Stations. Each budget cycle for the SFPD, the Chief of Police is required to submit a propose budget for staffing the NSU.

This ordinance outlines the minimum training requirements for foot patrol officers. SFPD is required to compile data regarding all reported crime within the foot beats and to issue quarterly reports to the Police Commission.

Six months and one year from the effective date of this ordinance, and twice a year thereafter, the SFPD shall submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission a comprehensive report analyzing the effectiveness of foot patrols in reducing crime within each of the District Station boundaries.

Lastly, SFPD shall develop or use a tracking instrument that measures outcomes of community policing practices and activities as specified in the ordinance.

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